

**News Release***Communications New Brunswick***New Brunswick Human Rights Commission****Tribute to John Peters Humphrey to be held in legislative assembly (06/06/15)**

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - A tribute to John Peters Humphrey - jurist, diplomat, and human rights activist - will be held in the legislative assembly at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 16.

Born in Hampton in 1905, Humphrey was an instrumental figure in the field of human rights in Canada and worldwide. He was the first director of the United Nations' Human Rights Division - a position he held for 20 years - and a principal author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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Adopted by the UN on Dec. 10, 1948, the declaration states that the recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all people is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace.

The declaration was the first comprehensive agreement among nations as to the specific rights and freedoms of all human beings. It has inspired national constitutions and the further development of international law.

The tribute, organized by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, will include a keynote address by Noël Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate.

A bronze plaque will remain on display in the legislature so that future generations can know of Humphrey's legacy and accomplishments.

The tribute is part of the national conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies, which is hosted this year in Fredericton, and which has attracted over 220 participants from around the world.

The Hampton John Peters Humphrey Foundation will also receive the 2006 New Brunswick Human Rights Award, presented by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission. The foundation is being presented with the award in recognition of its work in the promotion of human rights.

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